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THREE CHICAGO DRUG DEALERS SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS AND 7 MONTHS, 15 YEARS AND 8 MONTHS, AND 10 YEARS

- \$14 Million worth of drugs

- Total of 140 kilograms of cocaine in the conspiracy -

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Mario Compean**, age 33, of Bolingbrook, Illinois, **Jose Felix Delgadillo**, age 31, of Chicago, Illinois, and **Jorge Gonzalez-Bautista**, age 32, of Chicago, Illinois, were sentenced in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Compean and Gonzalez-Bautista were also sentenced for an additional count of possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. Compean was sentenced to 19 years and 7 months imprisonment, Delgadillo was sentenced to 15 years and 8 months imprisonment, and Gonzalez-Bautista was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Compean, Delgadillo, and Gonzalez-Bautista to 5 years supervised release each following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Compean and Delgadillo had been found guilty by a jury, following a four-day trial held in February 2007, of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine from May 1, 2005, until on or about March 29, 2006, in Jefferson

County, Kentucky. Compean was also found guilty of possession with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine on or about March 29, 2006, in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Gonzalez-Bautista pled guilty to these same charges against him on February 9, 2007, and was sentenced on June 25, 2007. Gonzalez-Bautista is an illegal alien and is subject to deportation after serving his sentence.

The Facts

The cocaine distribution conspiracy took place between May 1, 2005 until March 29, 2006, and involved a total of 140 kilograms of cocaine, which has a street value of \$14,000,000. During this conspiracy, cocaine was brought to Louisville from Chicago in sophisticated hidden traps of various vehicles. This conspiracy ended on March 29, 2006, when 25 kilograms of cocaine was delivered to Louisville after a confidential source (CS) made recorded telephone calls to Compean discussing the delivery of cocaine. During these telephone conversations, Compean agreed to deliver the cocaine to the CS from Chicago, Illinois, to a designated location in Louisville. Delivery was originally going to occur in two trips because the amount of cocaine ordered was too great to fit in the hidden compartment. Compean agreed to deliver 17 kilograms of cocaine on one day and then deliver the 20 kilos of cocaine on the second day. This did not occur, however. Instead, on March 29, 2006, Compean delivered 25 kilograms of cocaine to the CS. Compean and Delgadillo arrived at the designated meet location in a red truck. Once the CS arrived at this location, the load car (an Acura) containing the cocaine, driven by Gonzalez-Bautista, was called in. Gonzalez-Bautista pulled the car into the garage bay area, and DEA agents arrived at the scene at this time. Compean ran toward the back door and was apprehended as he did so. Delgadillo was apprehended after opening the garage bay door and going out of it. Gonzalez-Bautista was arrested in the garage bay area. Due to the sophistication of the hidden traps in the vehicle, agents had to force the traps open. Once they did so, 25 kilograms of

cocaine was recovered from the interior side panels in the back on both the passenger and driver's sides of the vehicle.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Hall, and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistance was provided by the Louisville Metro Police Department.

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